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## State comptroller to report soon on Tze'elim-2

By MICHAL YUDELMAN

State Comptroller Miriam Ben-Porat said yesterday that she intends to report soon on the conduct of Labor Party Chairman Ehud Barak in what is known as the Tze'elim-2 affair.

accident and abandoned wounded soldiers in the field. Five soldiers were killed and six wounded in the November 1992 accident, in which a missile was erroneously fired. Ben-Porat agreed, telling Barak she has already announced her plans to comment on the matter.

required detailed fact verification, as in a judicial inquiry.

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fled the accident scene were untrue. Shahak, who was Barak's deputy and also witnessed the accident, said any claims that Barak abandoned wounded were lies.

of the Tze'elim-2 accident, it was found that Barak's helicopter took off only after the helicopter which evacuated the wounded had left the site.

ing the soldiers was "a contemptuous act," Shlomi said on Channel 1's *Erev Hadash* and on Israel Radio that Barak had behaved exactly "as a chief of staff should, at incidents such as these."

## Religious freedom act thrown out in US

By MARILYN HENRY

NEW YORK — In a decision that stunned religious leaders in the US, the Supreme Court yesterday struck down the Religious Freedom Restoration Act, a four-year-old law that was intended to limit government interference in religion.

The effect will be to alter government's relationship with religion and to make it more difficult to challenge government actions that are thought to restrict religious freedom.

The 6-3 court ruling is expected to reverberate across every religious community in the US. Religious leaders spanning the spectrum, who had lobbied fiercely for the act in the early 1990s, have called this the most important church-state case ever decided by the court.

"Are Americans going to remain free to practice their religion protected from undue government interference?" asked Rabbi David Saperstein, an attorney who directs the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism. "Today, Americans will once again find that their free exercise of religion will be subject to government regulation, even when no significant government interest in the infringement of religion is involved."

Freedom of religion is a fundamental right in the US. However, that freedom often conflicts with governmental laws and actions, and the issue that has plagued the US since 1990 was how to draw the line between religious freedom and governmental prerogatives.

In a 1990 case, the court said laws that are otherwise "neutral" toward religion can be valid even if the effect is that they infringe on some people's religious beliefs. The 1993 act was intended to overturn that ruling. Yesterday, however, the court said Congress had overstepped its bounds.

Yesterday's case stemmed from a dispute over zoning and "historic landmark preservation" in the small Texas town of Boerne. The town's St. Peter Catholic Church has more than 2,000 members, but its 70-year-old sanctuary holds fewer than 250. When it sought city permission to tear down part of the sanctuary and enlarge its "Spanish mission" building, the Boerne landmark commission said no, contending that the building was worthy of preservation.

The church countered that its right to religious freedom, as guaranteed under the 1993 act, took precedence over a governmental interest in preservation. Religious leaders argued strenuously that the 1993 law was intended to encourage governments to accommodate religious practices and to protect minority religions.

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**Rafael Eitan visits Ateret Cohanim**  
Agriculture Minister Rafael Eitan addresses students at the Ateret Cohanim Yeshiva in Jerusalem's Old City yesterday, after Ateret Cohanim took him on a tour of the Old City, Ras el-Amud, and Abu Dis. (Brian Hendler)

## Rabin assassination dashed peace with Syria - Indyk

By JAY BUSHINSKY

US Ambassador Martin Indyk believes there was a real chance of peace between Israel and Syria on the eve of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin's assassination, but it was dashed immediately afterwards by rapidly changing circumstances.



Martin Indyk (Brian Hendler)

The American envoy was interviewed at the Tel Aviv Embassy just after the White House announced that President Bill Clinton had nominated him for the post of assistant secretary of state for Near East affairs.

Referring to his assignment to Israel in March 1995, Indyk said, "I was sent here by President Clinton to work with the late prime minister Yitzhak Rabin. Peace with Syria was their common objective, he said.

embryonic agreement collapsed. Rabinovich recalled working with the Australian-born diplomat when Indyk served as director of the National Security Council's Middle East desk as well as during his stint as envoy to Israel.

A senior US official said yesterday that the Clinton administration hopes the Senate Foreign Relations Committee will hold its hearing on Indyk's nomination prior to its August break. But that might have to wait until the autumn, due to an overloaded Congressional calendar. If confirmed, Indyk would replace Robert Pelletreau, who retired earlier this year.

Indyk was enthusiastic about the post of assistant secretary. "It will give me an opportunity to implement the Clinton administration's policies toward Iran and Iraq, as well as the Gulf states," he said.

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## Meridor: I may challenge Netanyahu for Likud leadership

By MICHAL YUDELMAN

MK Dan Meridor is not ruling out the possibility of challenging Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu for the Likud leadership in the future. "The possibility is open," Meridor said, adding he intends "to put the state back on the right course."

Meridor and Justice Minister Tzahi Hanegbi yesterday tore verbally into each other, in what some see as the opening shot in the battle for the Likud's leadership.

Meridor, now considered the leader of the internal opposition to Netanyahu, slammed Hanegbi for his attack on Labor leader MK Ehud Barak and accused him and Netanyahu of bullying and brutal behavior.

Meridor said he "is disturbed by the phenomena that our society has been facing. There is a threat on society's fundamental, agreed-upon values. I want to stay in public life to fix what is possible and to return us to a correct and better path."

Hanegbi retorted that from yesterday, Meridor has turned into "the tireless subverter undermining the government" and called on Meridor to resign from the Knesset and return his mandate to the Likud if he couldn't be loyal to the party and prime minister.

"Whoever thinks a justice minister must be anemic, nerdy or a hater, as one former justice minister was [referring to Meridor], is making a mistake," Hanegbi said.

## PM seeks to clear air with Levy today

By JAY BUSHINSKY and MICHAL YUDELMAN

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu is scheduled to confer with Foreign Minister David Levy today in an apparent bid to clear the political air within the coalition and keep it intact. If the two iron out their differences, the way will be paved for Netanyahu to present his planned cabinet changes to the Knesset next week.



David Levy (Israel Sun)

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The meeting was finally arranged by Levy's assistant, Ya'acov Bardugo, and Netanyahu's assistants, after two days in which all Netanyahu's efforts to meet Levy or even speak to him on the telephone were rejected.

Channel 1 reported that Levy intended to boycott Friday's weekly cabinet meeting, but his talks with Netanyahu may obviate this move.

Sources close to Levy said the crisis was triggered by the planned cabinet reshuffle, which Netanyahu decided upon without consulting Levy. But this was only the latest of the many obstructions in the working relations between the Prime Minister's Office and the Foreign Ministry, and between the prime minister and his foreign minister, who felt pushed out of the peace process and the decision-making process altogether, the sources said.

Levy's Geshet faction also has expressed profound dissatisfaction with the government's performance on social issues. This resentment came to a head when Levy and his fellow Geshet members stayed away from the chamber during Tuesday's no-confidence vote.

Levy, moreover, objects to adding National Infrastructure Minister Ariel Sharon, whom Netanyahu wants to appoint finance minister, to the "inner cabinet," which consists of the prime minister, Levy, and Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai. Levy and Mordechai are both said to be concerned that Sharon's getting a key cabinet position will endanger any hope of resuming the negotiations with the Palestinians.

thing" he may resent being less visible media-wise than he deems appropriate to his ministerial role.

Another irritant in the uneasy Netanyahu-Levy relationship is the likelihood that Mordechai will be put in charge of the next round of peace talks with Syria, while Levy again will have to remain on the sidelines.

Meanwhile, Mordechai's office issued a statement saying that no security issues were discussed in his latest one-on-one meeting with Netanyahu, and that only routine issues were raised.

"It should be emphasized with regard to a report that someone in the security establishment said that 'An explosion is possible in the territories, perhaps within a matter of hours,' that no such statement was made by any authoritative security official," the statement said.

Meanwhile, Labor MK Haggai Merom yesterday called on Mordechai and Levy to resign from the cabinet and force new elections in order to prevent the collapse of the peace process and the eruption of war.

Merom said that Levy, "with his sharp political senses, knows we're heading towards the complete collapse of the peace process and the eruption of war. He senses that the addition of Ariel Sharon to the security cabinet, [joining] himself, Mordechai, and that irresponsible prime minister, could lead to a most terrible and dangerous situation."



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# Barak, opposition slam Hanegbi

## NEWSLINE

With Rami Tal, Yediot Aharanot journalist

By ALLISON KAPLAN SOMMER

What was your reaction when you heard that Justice Minister Tzahi Hanegbi had your article up and attacked Labor leader Ehud Barak over it?

The truth is that I wasn't so shocked because a week ago, the prime minister's spokesman, Shai Bazar, in a radio interview, brought up Tze'elim 2 out of the blue. That was a signal that this story will come back.

You wrote yesterday in your newspaper that you object to the way in which Hanegbi used your article. What exactly bothered you?

I see it as perfectly legitimate to use anything that a candidate for prime minister has done in the past against him or in support of him.

I don't object to the fact that Tzahi Hanegbi used Tze'elim 2 against Ehud Barak. Tze'elim 2 is not one of the things Barak should be proud of in his military career.

But I object to his contention that we wrote that Ehud Barak ran away from the scene. There is no proof that Barak ran away, he didn't run away from anything.

It was not a combat situation. There was nothing to run away from. The words "run away" or "abandoned the wounded" used by Hanegbi were not mentioned in the article.

What was said was that some soldiers on the scene thought that then-chief of staff Barak did not behave as

he should have; meaning that he did not approach the wounded, did not say anything to them, as opposed to other generals on the scene who went to the wounded and spoke to them and tried to console them.

There is a difference between the other charges in the articles, which were based on documents and other evidence, as opposed to this, which was based on testimony from some of those soldiers.

This was legitimate testimony, but I don't doubt there are other perspectives.

If you were to write the article today, would you write it differently?

Only a fool would say that he never made any mistakes and that he would never change anything he did in the past. I hope I am not a fool. Looking back, I would have made some minor modifications, I would have had different emphases. But basically, I think that what was written in that investigative report was correct and reflected what happened as far as a journalist can approach truth, it was certainly a conscientious effort to represent the truth.

I know some things now that had I knew then, I would have modified, but I would have written the article and I think Yediot Aharanot did a service to Israel and to democracy by publishing it. That doesn't mean that I condone the cynical use of the investigative report in the way it was used yesterday [Tuesday].

By LIAT COLLINS and MICHAL YUDELMAN

Labor leader MK Ehud Barak said yesterday, in reaction to Justice Minister Tzahi Hanegbi's accusation against him during Tuesday's no-confidence motions, that he was more determined than ever to end the days of this government.

He said the accusations hurt him, noting "I now understand better what [Defense Minister] Itzik Mordechai went through when he was accused of murdering the terrorists in the [1984] bus 300 incident."

Addressing Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu, Barak said "Bibi, he who rides on the back of a gutter thug will find himself ultimately in the gutter."

Labor whip Ra'anan Cohen filed a complaint with the Knesset Ethics Committee, chaired by Yehuda Lankri (Gesher), noting among other things that Hanegbi was aware that State Comptroller Miriam Ben-Porat is investigating the affair and had not yet published her findings.

In the morning, the plenum was the scene of another uproar, started when Meretz whip Haim Oron noted that the current IDF Chief of General Staff Amnon Lipkin Shahak had questioned Hanegbi's version of the Tze'elim 2 training accident and Barak's behavior.

The chief of general staff said the justice minister is a liar, because anyone who says the wounded and dead were abandoned at Tze'elim is lying," Oron said.

Hanegbi countered by asking Knesset Speaker Dan Tichon who first came up with the phrase, "Barak fled."

Tichon answered it was first coined by Meretz leader Yossi Sarid, but later noted that Sarid had used it when Barak was absent for the controversial vote on the conversion bill at the end of March and not in relation to Tze'elim.

Eitan Cabel (Labor) and Hanegbi later argued when Cabel said even Likud colleagues had accused Hanegbi of "hooliganism."

During a preliminary reading of a bill by Cabel which would restrict the president's rights to grant Yigal Amir clemency, Cabel



Justice Minister Tzahi Hanegbi and MK Dalia Itzik, head of Labor's response team, talk in the Knesset corridors yesterday. (Itzhak Harari)

I know, are balanced and reasoned people, and the stupidities we've heard today from Cabel are simply on a low level."

Meanwhile, MK Dalia Itzik, head of Labor's response team, said the party will not abandon the "arena of violence" to the right wing anymore and intends to react firmly and powerfully to any act of incitement or violence against its leaders. "No more good guys," she said.

Itzik said "the Netanyahu-Hanegbi twosome have learned nothing from past events. One thing is clear: we will not let the right wing incite against us without responding adequately anymore."

Ran Cohen (Meretz), chairman of the Knesset State Control Committee, called on Hanegbi to resign in view of Shahak's statements. Meanwhile, a group of some 25 MKs from all the parties in the Knesset met quietly and politely yesterday for a discussion entitled: "An end to words of incitement in the Knesset plenum and committees." The meeting, which was the initiative of Ra'anan Cohen and Lankri, did not result in any firm conclusions.

accused Hanegbi of being among the major inciters before former prime minister Yitzhak Rabin's assassination.

In his response, Hanegbi said

that "although I am only 50 percent or less of Yemenite extraction, Cabel's behavior is an embarrassment to all the Yemenite community, because the Yemenites, as far as

# On Saturday Night we will stop the Haredim

## Tze'elim 2 victim's father praises Hanegbi; IDF ethicist slams him

By ESTHER NECHT

Some good could come out of Justice Minister Tzahi Hanegbi's attack Tuesday on Labor Party leader Ehud Barak for allegedly abandoning soldiers wounded in the Tze'elim 2 training accident, the father of one of the victims said yesterday.

"To this day, there has been no serious investigation [of the accident] from which [the IDF] could learn any lessons," said Shlomo Cohen, of Moshav Amioz.

His son, Aryeh, was one of five soldiers in an elite reconnaissance unit killed when a missile was misfired during a training exercise in November 1992. Six other soldiers were wounded in the incident.

"The timing may not have been right, and it may not be right to use [our dead] children in a political attack," Cohen said. "But I congratulate Hanegbi. I'm glad someone had the balls to stand up and say, 'The emperor has no clothes.'"

Like some parents of victims in the accident, Cohen is most frustrated by the fact that no one, even after the October 1994 IDF verdict, willingly took responsibility for the disaster.

Only junior officers were court-martialed, and, according to Cohen, their punishments were extremely inadequate.

A Tel Aviv University philosophy professor, however, says Cohen is misguided in thinking any benefit can come from Hanegbi's attack. Hanegbi generated only political hatred and a climate that could endanger Barak's life, said Prof. Asa Kasher, who in 1994 co-authored the IDF's code of ethics.

"We can't ignore recent history. We've already had two political fatalities," he said, referring to the assassination of prime minister Yitzhak Rabin in 1995 and the murder of Emil Grunzweig by Yona Avruskhi, who threw a grenade at a Peace Now demonstration in 1983.

"The case of Avruskhi is especially disturbing, because no one would have thought of him as a potential killer," Kasher said. "It was the [political] climate that made him plan and carry out the act."

Loners like Avruskhi are an even greater danger than those who belong to organizations, Kasher added, because they have no one to restrain them and because the security forces are unaware of their existence.

The bereaved parents' need to know what happened in an accident is understandable, but it will not be satisfied as a consequence of Hanegbi's attack, Kasher said. Unfortunately, the parents also have a natural desire to see a high-ranking officer punished, he added.

"But how the army improves itself and metes out punishment is a professional question that can be answered only by professionals," Kasher said.

According to Cohen, because of the IDF's statute of limitations, the parents have only four months left in which to petition the High Court of Justice to set up a commission of inquiry regarding the Tze'elim 2 accident.

"This won't bring back our sons," Cohen said, "but at least we'll be able to sleep at night knowing we've done our utmost and the IDF has taken responsibility."

During the past five generations, millions of Jews throughout the world have taken part in the great undertaking of the Return to Zion, of the establishment of the State of Israel and the struggle to protect it. After the Holocaust, many Jews gave their lives so that Jewish sovereignty in the Land of Israel would be assured. Recently, Haredi circles have been increasing their attacks on the very essence of our existence: the abusive speech by MK Arye Deri in the Jerusalem Stadium, the burning of the Israeli flag, the contemptuous attitude of the Haredim towards IDF dead, vituperative language and acts of violence against other sectors of the population, against policemen,

and the symbols of the state and its institutions. All this is being perpetrated by people who do not serve in the army, some of whom do not even work for a living but are supported by the rest of the population. Since party leaders, for reasons of political expediency, remain silent about what is taking place before their very eyes, it is the obligation of all of us, supporters of both the right and the left, to demonstrate and affirm that we will not sanction Haredi bullying tactics. We will not agree to severing relations with Diaspora Jewry because of the Conversion Bill, and we unequivocally demand that Haredim serve in the army.

No to the Conversion Bill Yes to the yeshiva students serving in the army

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# On a Crusade of contrition

### A group of Christians is walking across Europe to Israel to apologize for the atrocities performed by Crusaders in the name of Christianity, Haim Shapiro reports.



Members of a delegation meet with Greek Orthodox leaders in Istanbul to apologize for the atrocities committed against Orthodox Christians during the Crusades.

Throughout history, millions of Christians have regarded the 11th-century Crusades as a glorious epoch. At least one group, however, wants to express contrition for the atrocities committed against Jews, Moslems and others, and to do so they have embarked on a "Reconciliation Walk," following the route taken by their Crusader ancestors.

of apology and repentance. The participants, he said, are mostly Europeans, with a few representatives from North America. Most are in their 30s or older and many are in groups being led by their local pastors or priests. They include Protestants and Roman Catholics.

from representatives of the Jewish community. Hand said he was told that such a gesture had never before been undertaken.

grand mufti and the chief rabbi of Turkey. The deputy mayor held a reception in their honor.

the most barbaric Crusader-era slaughters took place.

### THERE AND THEN

## MK Hazan: Torn between ideologies

**By SRAYA SHAPIRO**  
Torn between his loyalty to the Communist dream and to the Zionist hope, Ya'acov Hazan inspired confidence among his followers, and opponents alike. He was, with Meir Ya'ari, the undisputed leader of the socialist Hashomer Hatza'ir youth movement, yet Golda Meir, the inextinguishable Mapai matriarch, never hesitated to confide in him state matters that she had kept secret even from some of her cabinet ministers.

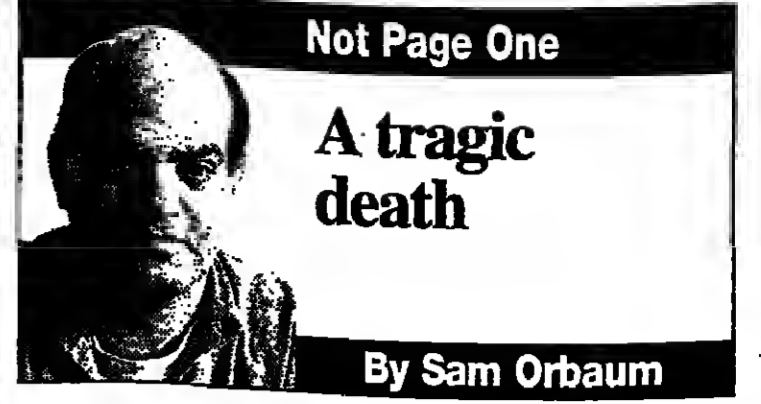


MK Ya'acov Hazan was a confidant of Golda Meir.

antireligious," confessed Hazan later. "I was just a religious." Like many of his comrades in school, Hazan joined the Hashomer Hatza'ir youth movement, which was then manifesting an educational framework without definite political associations.

coercion arms from the British police. However, Isser Harel, Ben-Gurion's head of security services, got wind of the process and obtained Ben-Gurion's permission to secretly observe the Mapam leaders. A microphone was hidden in Meir Ya'ari's desk.

Hazan still put Zionism above all. No written record exists of the meeting between Harel and Hazan, but soon after the meeting, all clandestine groupings in the army were disbanded.



### Not Page One

## A tragic death

By Sam Orbaum

Half Kafka, half Kishon or common wisdom has it that we may be an inconsiderate people at the best of times, but at the worst, we're almost heroic in our humaneness.

### They sent the bill addressed to my father - billing him for his own death expenses. Doesn't anyone think over there?

get that from the police until we got the form - and they wouldn't give us the form to get his possessions, including the card ... until we got the card! It was ridiculous, a classic Catch-22.

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ment of the Arrow anti-missile missile and the Nautilus anti-rock jet system.

The premise for his optimism at the time was that "Israel was willing to pay the price," he said, and "there was a clear commitment by Assad to reach peace agreement with Israel."

He noted, however, that though much progress was made during Rabin's time, "there still was a wide gap separating the two positions. It is futile to speculate what would have happened in 1996 if Rabin had survived."

Rabinovich said that when Shimon Peres became prime minister he indicated his willingness to move ahead if Assad would do the same. But Assad's response was disappointing, he went on, noting that it was a major factor in Peres' decision to hold the national elections ahead of schedule.

Hillel Kutler contributed to this report.

notably stronger after Compagnie Bancaire offered to buy out its units Cardif and Locabail for a maximum three billion francs (\$515 million).

Tnuva discussing purchase of foreign know-how

World Bank tries to combat unemployment problem in Gaza, West Bank

By STEVE RODAN

The World Bank will next month present a plan to increase funding to non-government organizations (NGOs) in an attempt to combat unemployment in the Palestinian Authority areas.

At the conference sponsored by the World Bank, Khadr presented Palestinian official statistics of unemployment in the West Bank and Gaza that ranged from between 17% and 33%, depending on Israeli closure of the territories. He said, however, that underemployment and those who have given up looking for jobs can augment the unemployment figures to include as many as half of the workforce.

"There is quite a high incidence of discouraged workers, people who would normally be in the labor force," Khadr said. But because they are inexperienced or under other circumstances they have stopped looking. Once you add unemployment to underemployment you could easily get to half the workforce."

Khadr said that at one point the World Bank, through the Holst Fund of donor nations it administers, created as many as 16,000 fulltime jobs last June. The bank maintains labor-intensive programs in public works, but that money is running out.

At the conference, participants discussed the role of community development to help create jobs in the strip. They said that Gazans must focus on producing small businesses and jobs that do not depend on export or import from Israel and thus be hurt every time the IDF imposes a closure to prevent terrorism.

"There is plenty that we could do in the area of vocational training and small businesses," said Rabbi Bruce Cohen, international director of Interns for Peace, which has established a branch in Gaza.

MARKETS

Row over monetary union grows testy within Kohl's coalition

BOHN (Reuters) - A smoldering dispute in Germany about Europe's planned single currency flared into the open yesterday when a hardline conservative traded insults with a party leader in Chancellor Helmut Kohl's coalition.

"There may be good reasons to debate the economics about whether the stability criteria need to be followed or not," Schroeder told MDR radio. "But the federal government made a promise about [monetary] stability to the German people." Schroeder said if the stability criteria as laid down in the Maastricht Treaty are not observed, "this would amount to breaking a promise...The stability promise is for me more important than the timetable."

His response prompted another outburst from Stoiber. In an unusually blunt statement, Stoiber said Gerhardt would be breaking earlier promises to Germans that the single currency would be accompanied by a strict interpretation of the stability criteria established in the Maastricht Treaty on monetary union.

The House of Representatives vote yesterday to complete its "mark-up" of amendments to the 1998 foreign assistance bill. The Senate concluded its work on the bill late Tuesday afternoon, providing for the continuation of Israel's \$1.8 billion in military aid, \$1.2 billion in economic assistance, and \$80 million for refugee resettlement.

Congress readies amended foreign aid bill

By HILDE KUTTNER

By ROBERT DANIEL

Stocks declined yesterday, led by Bank Hapoalim, Discount Bank and Koor Industries Ltd., amid concern about the government's planned cabinet shuffle. Gaining stocks included Bank Leumi, the most active issue, and gasoline refiner and marketer Delek Israel Fuel Corp.

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CLASSICAL MUSIC

MICHAEL AJZENSTADT
Stanley Sperber leads his Haifa Symphony Orchestra in Beethoven's monumental Ninth (Choral) Symphony as well as in the world premiere of Jan Radzynski's Shirat Maayan...



Alec Baldwin and Whoopi Goldberg face the media in 'Ghosts from the Past.'

ENGLISH THEATER

HELEN KAYE
Those inspired lunatics of the Reduced Shakespeare Company continue their local tour tonight with their inimitable version of The Complete Works of William Shakespeare...

DANCE

HELEN KAYE
If you have never seen Ohad Naharin's bright Anaphase, or want to see it again, the BatSheva Dance production is at the Tel Aviv Cinerama tomorrow at 10 p.m. and Saturday at 9 p.m.

ROCK

HELEN KAYE
Very heavy metal rock band Rage Against the Machine is coming for two concerts only. Since its first public performance in 1991, the four-member group has zoomed to the top with mega-hits like

FILM

ADINA HOFFMAN
\*\*\* GHOSTS FROM THE PAST - There's nothing sexy or sensational about this Rob Reiner film, a straight-ahead recounting of the belated 1994 attempt to bring to justice the white supremacist responsible for the 1963 murder of civil rights activist Medgar Evers. Visually, structurally and rhythmically, the picture is merely functional and could easily pass as a made-for-TV movie.

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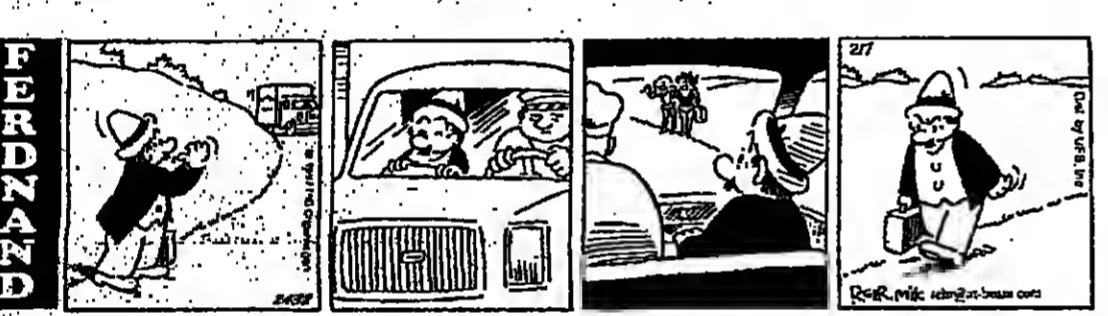
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18:00 To Whom It May Concern

PRIME TIME TV

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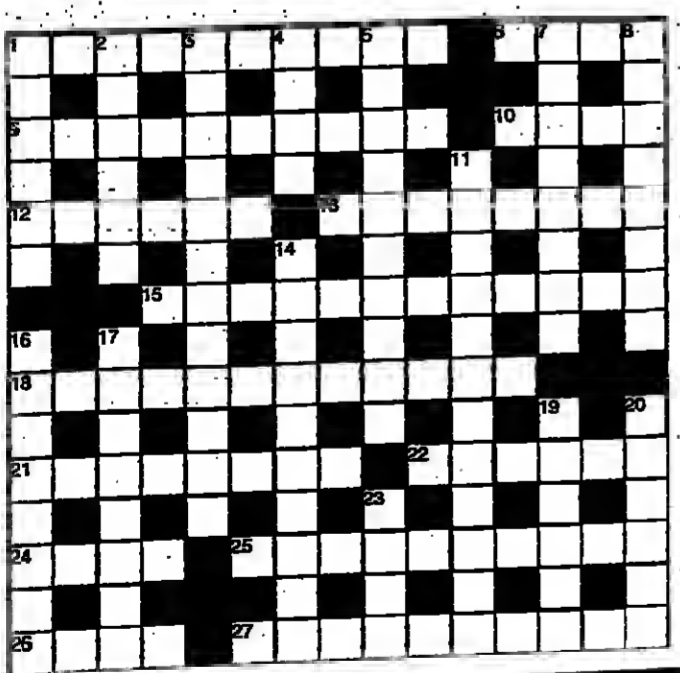
STAR PLUS

- 8:30 Nine to Five
7:00 Mollie Katzen's Cooking
7:30 Gil Joe
8:00 Eek! The Cat



CRYPTIC CROSSWORD

ACROSS
1 Drink cures heart failure (10)
6 Hints need to be built just so (4)
9 Broken lamp recast in waste material (5,5)
10 Employer in serious error (4)
12 Quickly remove label showing exorbitant price (3,3)
13 Mockery is the cause of Ironside's confusion (8)
15 Full board in a way (12)
18 Not necessarily a story associated with vice (8,4)
21 Games period (8)
22 Breed of goats originating from Aragon (6)



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QUICK CROSSWORD

ACROSS
1 Smallpox vaccination pioneer (6)
4 Oriental (5)
8 Valley (5)
9 Flabby (7)
10 Free time (7)
11 Worry (4)
12 Students' rave (3)
13 Song of praise (4)
14 Song of praise (4)
15 Precious stone (4)
18 Label (3)
21 Inactive (4)
23 Permission (7)
25 Winged horse (7)
26 Giraffe-like animal (5)
27 Way in (5)
28 Ahaft (6)

JERUSALEM CINEMATHEQUE

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13:00 Kale and Alice
13:30 Everything's Open
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JERUSALEM CINEMA

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# NEWS

in brief

## Cabinet postpones vote on Peled Report

Communications Minister Limor Livnat said yesterday Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has agreed to postpone Friday's scheduled cabinet discussion and vote on the recommendations contained in the Peled Commission Report on restructuring the country's broadcast system. She asked for the postponement in the wake of the same request from Education and Sports Minister Zevulun Hammer, who was released from the hospital yesterday and is convalescing from surgery and will not be present at the cabinet meeting. Hammer's office is responsible for Educational TV and Channel 2, both of which will be significantly affected if the proposed changes go through. No new date has been set for Livnat to present the report. *Helen Kaye*

## Court: 'Yediot' must expand board of directors

In the midst of a long and bitter war between family shareholders at *Yediot Aharonot*, Tel Aviv District Court Judge Michal Rubinstein ruled yesterday that the board of directors be expanded from two members to five. At present, Arnon and Miriam Nofech-Mozes are the two main members, and Rubinstein ruled they would still hold majority shares. All five members of the board would have the right to examine procedures, management and assets of the daily, Rubinstein ruled. The court rejected a request by Arnon Mozes' cousin and rival, Ze'ev Mozes, that an agreement signed in 1986 should remain valid. The deal stated that for a period of 20 years both Ze'ev and Arnon Mozes would jointly manage the daily. In fact, Arnon Mozes ousted his cousin. *Raine Marcus*

## Agency petitions to get squatters evicted

The Jewish Agency yesterday petitioned the High Court of Justice, asking it to order the police to evict the group of squatters that broke into apartments in the Mevasseret Zion absorption center two weeks ago. According to the petition, by law the police are required to help the owner of a property recover the property if his ownership rights have been compromised, and despite repeated requests, police are not taking action against the trespassers. *Tim*

## Two remanded in foreign worker's murder

The Haifa Magistrate's Court yesterday remanded Nikolai Chaban, 40, and Natzgarda Monaco, 30, on suspicion the two murdered a Romanian worker, Badu Valentin, 35. The suspects arrived here several months ago as tourists and overstayed their visas. They were employed, together with Valentin, at a restaurant on the road to Kiryat Ata. Judge Hanoch Shiloni said that although the currently available evidence is not clear-cut, it is enough to raise suspicions against the couple and the investigation must be completed when the two are in custody. *Tim*

## Winning cards

The winning cards in yesterday's first Chance draw were the 8 of spades, queen of hearts, 10 of diamonds and queen of clubs. The results of the second draw were the 9 of spades, queen of hearts, queen of diamonds and 7 of clubs.

# Matza: Cellphone firms should fund health studies

By JUDY SIEGEL

Health Minister Yehoshua Matza has asked his chief scientist to initiate talks with the cellular phone companies for the establishment of a fund to examine the possibility that their use may cause harm to health. Such a research fund would reportedly be the first of its kind in Israel financed by non-medical companies for the study of the health effects of their products. Matza yesterday expressed his agreement, in principle, to participate in the running of such a research fund in conjunction with the Communications Ministry.

Prof. Bracha Rager, the Health Ministry's chief scientist, is to meet with the heads of Cellcom and Pelephone, which together have over 1.6 million subscribers. The idea of such a fund was initiated by *The Jerusalem Post* two months ago following publication of an Australian study, described by experts as "serious," that linked cellular phone radiation with lymphoma in mice. According to a recent survey, Israelis spend five times more time per month talking on their cellular phones than Americans. In addition, the innovation of the Mango Telephone, which is free of monthly subscription charges, has made its use common among

children and teenagers. According to Dr. Avi Livnat, in charge of the Health Ministry's medical equipment unit, this makes Israeli cellular phone use unique. Although other foreign studies have not found proof of health damage from cellular phones, Israeli conditions require a serious effort to rule this out. Cellcom spokesman Ilan Bachar said the company is waiting to hear from the Health Ministry and views its proposal "in a positive light." Pelephone did not comment but has said in the past that it would consider the matter when presented to them by the ministries.



**Tichon meets future leaders**  
Knesset Speaker Dan Tichon greets visiting participants yesterday at the Knesset in the First International Leadership Program, sponsored by the United Nations University International Leadership Academy. *(Brian Hendler)*

### WEATHER

Jerusalem 16-28  
Tel Aviv 21-27  
Haifa 22-27  
Tiberias 21-31  
Athens 19-29  
Sofia 15-27  
Beersheba 19-30  
Dead Sea 23-36  
Eilat 26-36

Forecast: Partly cloudy.

### AROUND THE WORLD

	LOW	HIGH	WIND	WEATHER
Amsterdam	13	22	18	cloudy
Berlin	11	22	18	clear
Buenos Aires	07	45	18	clear
Caro	22	30	18	partly cloudy
Chicago	16	20	18	clear
Copenhagen	10	20	18	clear
Frankfurt	12	24	22	clear
Geneva	12	24	22	clear
Helsinki	11	22	18	clear
Hong Kong	28	31	18	clear
Jakarta	28	31	18	clear
Johannesburg	12	24	18	clear
London	12	24	18	clear
Los Angeles	16	24	27	clear
Madrid	16	24	27	clear
Moscow	17	24	27	partly cloudy
Montreal	10	20	18	clear
New York	12	24	21	clear
Paris	12	24	21	clear
Rome	11	23	20	clear
Stockholm	11	22	20	clear
Sydney	08	46	18	partly cloudy
Tel Aviv	17	28	22	clear
Toronto	17	28	22	clear
Zurich	09	48	20	partly cloudy

## Reservist holds 2 soldiers at gunpoint

By ARIEH O'SULLIVAN

A reservist held two soldiers hostage at gunpoint at the Beit Guvrin training base yesterday, firing into the air, locking himself in a building and threatening to shoot them. The commander of the base, Col. Yehuda Shimon, rushed to the scene and in about half an hour managed to talk the reservist into releasing his hostages and giving himself up. Military Police launched an investigation into the incident and OC Central Command Maj.-Gen. Uzi Dayan went to the base to debrief the soldier. The incident comes only a few days after the shooting death of one IDF soldier by another in an argument over the use of a telephone. The Beit Guvrin base trains reservists in riot control and prepares them for service in the territories. Reservists are usually there for about three days. The two hostages, however, were not reservists, but personnel from the base, the army said. The reservist apparently was suffering from personal problems, military sources said. An investigation was still under way.

## Ex-MK Saguy questioned in Ben-Ari case

By RAINE MARCUS

Former Labor MK Gideon Saguy was summoned to give evidence at the National Crimes Squad headquarters at Petah Tikva yesterday in connection with the Zvi Ben-Ari (Gregory Lerner) case. As he entered the police station he told reporters that he had never met Ben-Ari and he had no idea "what police want from me." Two of Ben-Ari's former secretaries were also summoned for questioning in the hope that they would help implicate their former employer, suspected of conducting massive financial scams using straw companies and of involvement in a murder.



Gideon Saguy (Israel Sun)

But they have apparently refused to testify against Ben-Ari. Ben-Ari has been in custody for two months. Police and the State Attorney's Office have not yet consolidated evidence to indict him. Other MKs and politicians are expected to be questioned this coming week.

## Volcker says Swiss Holocaust accounts will be resolved quickly

By MARILYN HENRY

NEW YORK - Calling the matter "urgent," the Swiss Federal Banking Commission and the Volcker Committee have agreed on a "liberal" and expedited process to resolve claims for dormant accounts in Swiss banks of Holocaust victims, former Federal Reserve chairman Paul Volcker said yesterday in Washington. The new procedure calls for "an independent and objective international claims resolution panel to definitively and equitably decide claims, operating under liberal rules of evidence," according to a

statement released by Volcker. "Everything will be done to ensure that this program is carried out with as much sensitivity, dignity and compassion as possible," Georg Krayer, head of the Swiss Bankers Association, said in a statement released in Bern. "The process provides for a significantly relaxed burden of proof." Under the previous system, claimants dealt with the Swiss banking ombudsman,



Paul Volcker (Brian Hendler)

whose task was largely clerical processing of claims. Decisions about the legitimacy of the claim rested with the banks. Claims will be resolved by an international panel of individuals with experience in adjudication and banking, led by a Swiss chairman. Volcker and the commission imposed tight deadlines on the process. Banks will be required to report on all foreign and domestic

accounts that have been dormant since 1945 by September 15. The first list of accounts will be published on July 23; the second on October 20. A claims-processing center will be administered by the Basle accounting firm of Atag Ernst & Young. Claims of depositors or their heirs must be filed with the firm within six months of publication of the name of a dormant account holder. The claims resolution panel will be required to decide claims, with interest or other appropriate adjustments, within six months after the end of the period for the submission of claims.

Jerusalem Municipality

Gihon Jerusalem Water and Sewage Industries Ltd.

Tahel Engineering Consultants Ltd.

Baka Neighborhood Administration

Rothem Industries Ltd.

Traffic Police Jerusalem Region

Israel Electric Corporation Jerusalem Region

## Closure of Derech Beit Lehem and Rehov Harakevet

As part of the project to improve the supply of electricity to residents of Jerusalem, an underground cable carrier will be laid under the railway tracks.

Accordingly, **Derech Beit Lehem** from Rehov Harakevet to Eneq Refaim and Rehov Harakevet between Rehov Omer and Derech Beit Lehem will be closed to traffic from Friday, June 27 until Wednesday, July 16.

During this time, the section of Derech Beit Lehem between Rehov Minan Refaim and the railway tracks will be open.

The shops on Derech Beit Lehem will be open as usual.

With the permission of both the police and the Jerusalem Municipality, work will be carried out throughout the day, in order that the work be completed and the roads re-opened as quickly as possible.

Drivers are requested to listen to the police and to obey road signs.

We apologize to residents for the inconvenience and noise.

From June 29 until July 4, there will be no Rail Service either to or from Jerusalem. Rail services will resume on Sunday, July 6.

For further information, call the 24-hour-a-day municipal hotline, Tel. 406, or Tel. 5314600, or the Israel Electric Company's 24-hour-a-day hotline, Tel. 103.

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## Jewish Agency slow to adapt - comptroller

By JONATHAN TEPPERMAN

In preparation for the annual convocation of the Jewish Agency's governing body today, the Agency's comptroller has issued its annual report detailing flaws in the organization and making recommendations for its future operation. The report suggests that, over the last year, the Agency has been somewhat sluggish in adapting to changes in the economy and in the nature of immigration to Israel. This sluggishness has prevented the Agency from allocating funds in the most efficient manner possible, and the problem has grown more acute as budgets have shrunk throughout the organization. The 500-member Jewish Agency Assembly is to discuss the report when it returns from the former

Soviet Union and begins meeting in Israel today. Made up of world Jewish leaders, the Assembly intends to discuss structural changes in the Agency and to redefine its goals for the century ahead. Comptroller Ehud Haviv's report discusses the results of investigations into a variety of Agency programs such as Kibbutz Ulpanim, the Amigur Company (which manages apartments owned by the Agency and the State), and loan guarantees to new immigrants. According to the report, a number of Agency initiatives lack effective short-term supervision. Another concern it raised is an apparent lack of coordination between different programs with similar or overlapping mandates (such as the provision of loans or grants to new immigrants).

## Peleg: Israel aims for sustainable development

By MARILYN HENRY

NEW YORK - Israel - without much land, water or other natural resources - is committed to sustainable development, David Peleg, Israel's charge d'affaires, said yesterday at the Earth Summit, the UN's environmental conference in New York. It also has shared for more than 40 years its unique environmental expertise in solar energy and waste-water recycling, he said. However, Israel has yet to tap the full potential for environmen-

tal cooperation with its closest neighbors because of problems in the peace process. The multilateral "development" track is "not functioning effectively due to the refusal of some of our neighbors to participate therein and the intent of others to use this track as a platform for pressuring Israel," Peleg said. Saeb Erekat of the Palestinian Authority told the summit Tuesday that Israel's nuclear program threatened a "dangerous environmental disaster" in the region.

